

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

One Hundred Years Ago.

A MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.

As Capt. John Mitchell, of the schooner Rambler, was coming up the Sound on the 22nd inst., opposite Easton's Neck, with his wife on board, the vessel unexpectedly jibed, and the boom carried Mrs. Mitchell overboard, and she sunk immediately, rendering all efforts to save her ineffectual. This is to request masters of vessels and people living on the shore that if they should find the body of Mrs. Mitchell, that they would forward information to William Sherwood, Jr., of Fairfield, Conn., or to Osborn & Reynolds, New York, or see that the corpse is decently buried, and it will pay all reasonable expenses.

WILLIAM SHERWOOD, JR.

N. B.—She had on a black bombazine gown, black silk stockings, a white ruff about her neck, and had on stays; she was middling small, with sandy hair.

Printers in this state and in New York are requested to publish the above news item.

A QUESTION.

An Indian had a large tract of land to sell, which lay in the form of an equal square—a gentleman wishing to purchase it, asked the Indian how many acres his lot contained—the Indian answered: "If you will give me one-third of two-thirds of two-thirds of twice 33 1/2 cents for each acre, allowing each cent to reach one-third of one-third of three feet, will just reach out the piece. The number of acres is required."

JOHN GRIFFIN.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Early on Tuesday morning, last, Maer John Harty, late of the United States army, attempted to perpetrate the horrid act of suicide by shooting himself through the head. He had provided himself with a brace of pistols, both of which, when he was found, were discharged. Only one took effect. The ball entered back of his left ear, and lodged in his head. There is little prospect of his recovery.

Fifty Years Ago.

BRIDGEPORT IRON WORKS.

A casting, weighing over six tons, was made at the Bridgeport Iron Works, (formerly the Crescent Foundry) on Saturday last. It was for a bedplate to a steam engine of about 300 horsepower, being built by M. & T. Sault, of New Haven, for Messrs. Wallace & Son, proprietors of the Brown Rolling Mill in Ansonia. The casting was 25 feet 10 inches long, 3 feet 10 inches wide, and contained over six tons of metal—being the largest that was ever made in this city, and as smooth and perfect as could be desired.

Among other articles manufactured at the new Bridgeport Iron Works are the Helical Jonval Turbine Water Wheels, a lot of which they have just completed and shipped to California and China. They manufacture them of any desired size, from 10 inches to 8 feet diameter.

LOCAL FENIANS TO THE FRONT.

We hear that a company of Fenians, (some 35 or 40) left here today for the Canadian frontier. The point of concentration is not yet publicly known. They were armed, and equipped throughout. Rumor says we shall hear of stirring times in that quarter soon.

BRIDGEPORT B. B. CLUB.

A new club, with the above title, was organized in this city on Wednesday evening. It is composed of first class material, and after a little practice will exhibit some fine playing. The following are the officers of the club: President, W. H. Jones; vice president, J. Baylies; secretary and treasurer, W. S. Camp; directors, J. Pinkerman, D. W. Jones and J. M. Reid.

SEASIDE PARK HOTEL.

Our German citizen, Henry Ritzel, who formerly kept in State street, has bought and tastefully furnished the so-called Douglas House, corner Main and Whiting streets. He will open his establishment on Monday, June 4, 1886, with a free lunch in the forenoon and a dance in the evening. He also has added an ice cream saloon, with private entrance to his establishment. Give him a call, and feel sure of being served to your entire satisfaction.

THE GREAT FENIAN RAID.

Several Regiments in Canada. Boston, June 1, 1886—Two companies of United States regulars left this morning for St. Albans. An additional detachment of Fenians also left. It is supposed for the Canadian border. Fifteen hundred men is the alleged Fenian quota of Massachusetts for the present enterprise.

Buffalo, June 1, 1886, 2:30 a. m.—Reporters of the Buffalo Express have just returned from a point a mile below Lower Black Rock. The head of the Fenian column, 600 strong, had reached that point. Wagons loaded with ammunition and arms preceded them. They declare they will effect a crossing before daylight.

Boston, June 1, 1886—The newly raised Fenian cavalry regiment, under command of Col. Couture, late of Mosby's guerrillas, is a part of the expedition from this city. The Fenians here state that Gen. Fitzgibbon will command the cavalry wing of their army of invasion. They further say that the blow will be struck early next week, probably Monday.

Twenty Years Ago.

THE JURY LISTS.

In accordance with the law the board of aldermen last evening named the following citizens as those from among whom the jury commissioners will select those to do jury duty in the various county and local courts for the ensuing year:

Superior and Common Pleas Courts—Alonso J. Grippin, William Crouch,

CLUB WOMEN PLAN "PLAY DAY" CLOSE TO BIG CONGRESS

New York, June 1.—Three sessions today, morning, afternoon and evening, will wind up the business of the thirteenth bi-ennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Many of the delegates started home this morning and it is estimated that at least five hundred left the city without waiting to vote at yesterday's election.

It is expected that the Louisiana and Arkansas delegations will ask for the next meeting of the bi-ennial convention, and that the contest will be between New Orleans and Hot Springs.

Tomorrow will be known as "New York's Playday." The visiting delegates and clubwomen will be taken on excursions about the city and several hundred of them will be the guests of the chamber of commerce on a sail up the Hudson to West Point and return.

Proof of the strenuous activities in which the club women have indulged during the last few days was furnished today by the news that at least one hundred visitors had been treated every day at the emergency hospital set up by local women physicians, members of the federation, at the convention hall and in hotels. Most of the cases treated were due to physical exhaustion and mental excitement resulting from the work of the convention and too much sightseeing. One delegate, Mrs. Nicholas Peters, of Syracuse, N. Y., was stricken with heart trouble and died on the train Monday night on her way home.

OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

The pall bearers at the funeral of Samuel F. Tillson were George F. Taylor, Morris D. Beers, Herman Oppe, Sr., and A. M. Briscoe.

Mrs. B. P. Croley was a recent guest of Bridgeport friends.

More than 800 automobiles passed through the village of Sandy Hook Memorial Day between daylight and dark, by the counts of two observers.

W. L. Richards was in Bridgeport Wednesday.

The senior class play, "A Strenuous Life," will be given at the town hall Friday night. The cast will have a full dress rehearsal tonight.

The juniors give a reception for the seniors Friday night, June 3, at the town hall.

John M. Otis of the Farmers' & Mechanics' bank, Bridgeport, was in town this week.

For the last week three deer have been feeding daily on the brow of Walnut Tree Hill on the farm of G. M. Briscoe and son. They have been object of much interest to the patrons of the railroad who watch them while at the station. So far their original number has not diminished.

Mrs. Henry S. Gibson and household arrived in Sandy Hook Monday for the summer sojourn on the ancestral homestead.

The Woodside club of Ansonia, despite the inclement weather, appeared before a good audience at the town hall Monday night. The entertainment and minstrel show was followed by dancing, participated in by many of local persons returning to spend Memorial Day in town.

The masquerade dance by the Girls' Friendly club and its friends at the town hall was a delightful social affair, and the patronesses of the affair, Mrs. James H. George and Mrs. E. M. Tiemann, Sr., are being congratulated upon the success achieved.

Mrs. Mary Kelly, teacher of the Middle district school, and brother, John Kelly, spent Saturday in Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beers and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Allen returned today from a trip to Worcester, Mass., where Sanford Beers is at school.

Before the Sunday school teachers and interested members of the Congregational church work societies Mrs. Cora D. Stevens of the Connecticut Sunday School union, spoke very interestingly Monday night on methods of teaching. Light refreshment was served and a social hour was enjoyed after the lecture was over.

Joseph P. Keane, who holds a position with the Adams Express Co., Danbury, spent the holiday with his father, John D. Keane, Dayton street. The Dodgingtown Fire Company, No. 1, had an excellent time at its lawn party on the company's grounds last week. Visiting firemen were present from Newtown, Hawleyville and Sandy Hook.

Your vacation time will soon be here. Don't try to make your plans at the last moment and then be disappointed in not being able to go to the chosen place owing to lack of accommodation. Plan now and engage your hotel or boarding house at once. We can give you a list of such in the Adirondacks, the Catskills, Nova Scotia and various other resorts, also tell you how to get there and procure your tickets. We are also in position to give you the rates and sailings of all coastwise lines and much information that will be very useful. Call on us for summer vacation literature. S. Loewith & Co., 118 Bank street. Established 1865.

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CIRCUS MOTHER HAS MUCH TO WORRY HER

"Ma" Talbot, of Barnum & Bailey's Has Devoted Her Life to the Show Folks.

To those few who are familiar with the daily life and habits of that peculiarly clannish, but intensely human class of people known as "circus folks," no story of the "white tops" is complete without a mention of one important personage known to all of them as "Mother."

Every circus, big or little, has its circus mother, but no woman in the world is better loved and respected by circus people generally than is Mrs. Emma Talbot, the "little mother" of the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth, coming to Bridgeport, on June 9. For more than twenty years she has devoted her life to the comfort and welfare of the several hundred performers of this amusement institution.

Officially Mrs. Talbot is the matron of the women's dressing tents, but to the performers she is a great deal more than that. She is general chaperon, hospital nurse, friend, guide and counsellor. Men, women and children alike go to her for aid from the petty troubles that are bound to obtrude in the strenuous life of the circus. She is cheery, sympathetic or admonitory as the occasion may require, but no one leaves her presence without receiving aid.

Many of the unmarried men and boys of the circus make "Mother Talbot" the official custodian of their savings and they deposit a stipend with her every week on pay day. They well know that no plea will force her to disgorge until the last of the season's performances is over. Then the amassed savings is handed over with an injunction to be careful throughout the winter.

Mrs. Talbot has spent most of her life with circuses, having been a performer in her younger years. She is now 68 years old, but hopes to remain with the "white tops" for the rest of her life. She is a great favorite among the children of the various performers, and every day during the circus she conducts a school for the youngsters. Under her tuition they recite their lessons just as do the other children who live in houses and don't wear tight and spangles.

Mrs. Talbot is also the mistress of the wardrobe department and she supervises the mending of the thousands of costumes and trappings used in the performances and parade. The Barnum & Bailey circus is this season carrying the most elaborate and costly wardrobe in its history, used in the magnificent spectacular display of "Persia, or the Pageants of the Thousand and One Nights" the gorgeous, Oriental production which the circus is featuring this season.

Exports of merchandise from the Port of New York for the week ended May 27 were valued at \$61,095,278.

British casualties in May increased over March and April. The total is 1,767 officers and 28,470 men.

Adv.



Mrs. Emma Talbot, Circus "Mother."

Policeman Halpin Fares Well at Hands of Numerous Friends

A number of relatives and friends of John P. Halpin, recently appointed policeman, gathered at his home, 608 Atlantic street last evening and presented him with a purse of \$225. He also received a complete policeman's outfit. One hundred dollars was received from his brother and sister, Mrs. John P. Keane and \$125 from personal friends. Samuel Hamilton presented him a revolver. Policeman Halpin was formerly manager of the W. D. Mandell shoe store, 1,127 Main street.

Patrick O'Neill, 598 Park street, a conductor of the Connecticut Co., received a purse of \$150 in gold and a complete rainy weather outfit. Daniel Dunn received a purse of \$75 in gold. The Republican of the Second district gave Dunn an outfit.

A purse of \$100 in gold was given to William J. Byrne of 643 Fairfield avenue by members of the First district Republican club last evening. William E. Seeley, president of the board of appointment made the presentation speech.

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Fresh Pork Roasts	17c lb.
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Legs and Loins to Roast, Shoulders and Rumps to stuff and bake, Whole Forequarters, Choice Pot Pie Pieces.

QUALITY POULTRY

Stewing Fowl	18c lb.
Choice Fowl	25c lb.
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